The First Emperor of China

Creating an Empire

How did Qin Shihuangdi unify China?

**Step 1:** In the image at the left, circle and label three interesting details. Then in the space below, explain what you think these details reveal about the Emperor of Qin.

**Step 2:** Read Section 22.2. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. Did Qin Shihuangdi’s strategy of conquest help or hurt China? Explain

2. How did Qin Shihuangdi end feudalism? Why did he do this?

**Step 3:** Did the Emperor of Qin’s efforts to unite China make him an effective ruler? Mark your answer with an X on the spectrum below.

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**Standardizing the Culture**

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**Step 2:** Read Section 22.3. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. Why did the Emperor of Qin create a unified set of laws? How did his Legalist beliefs affect these laws?

2. How did Qin Shihuangdi improve trade and writing in China?

**Step 3:** Did the Emperor of Qin’s efforts to standardize Chinese culture make him an effective ruler? Mark your answer with an X on the spectrum below.


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Protecting the Northern Border

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**Step 2:** Read Section 22.4. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. How did the emperor protect China’s northern border?

2. Who constructed the Great Wall? What difficulties did they face?

**Step 3:** Did the Emperor of Qin’s efforts to protect China’s northern border make him an effective ruler? Mark your answer with an X on the spectrum below.

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Ending Opposition

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Step 2. Read Section 22.5. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. Why was there a conflict between Confucian scholars and the emperor?

2. What did the emperor do to prevent people from learning about Confucianism?

Step 3: Did the Emperor of Qin’s efforts to end opposition make him an effective ruler? Mark your answer with an X on the spectrum below.